

Stockport SAB & SCP COVID-19 E-Bulletin



Stockport Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)
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Welcome to the latest edition of our Safeguarding news bulletin.

It is encouraging that the Government is now able to outline its plans for easing restrictions and getting us back to some normality. The vaccination rollout which has already seen over 20 million people receive their jab has of course played a significant part in this; data is now showing that vaccinations are having a positive effect on stemming transmission and hospital admissions. And the restrictions we have all observed and endured in our daily lives have also had a huge role in stopping the spread of the virus, we would like to again thank everyone for your sacrifices here.

The Government's four-step roadmap enables us to start to see a way out of this crisis. This plan sets out how restrictions can be eased gradually, with changes every five weeks if the Government's tests continue to be met.

The first step means that from the 8th March;

- Schools and colleges will be open for all students to return to face-to-face education
- Wrap around childcare and activities will also open
- We can leave home for recreation as well as exercise, with our household or one other person

From the 29th March

- Groups of six people or people from two different households will be able to meet outside including in private gardens
- Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts can be used.

More details on the Government's plan to ease restrictions over the coming months can be found here [COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](#) and we will continue to share further information as changes are introduced.

We are all looking forward to the easing of restrictions, but we must not let our guard down and must continue to stick to the rules – and to take up the offer of a vaccination as soon as we receive one.

Again, we want to take this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude to all those working, caring and volunteering to support those most at risk – without your support and help things would not happen.

Keep safe and stay well.

Partnership Covid Meetings

Since reinstating our Partnership Covid meetings partner agencies have begun to meet once again to share information and update on the current position of services that have been impacted throughout the pandemic. Here are some of the headlines from our last meeting held on 25th February 2021

- The local authority is working on a single point of access for mental health being present at the front door. Mental health practitioners are now co-located at the MASSH.
- The main reason of notifications made to the MASSH are Domestic Abuse, Emotional Wellbeing, Neglect and acute mental health.
- Adult Social Care continue to receive high volumes of referrals at the front door despite efforts to reduce S42 referrals. An online referral form has been developed to help ASC screen and triage referrals appropriately, so they are allocated to the right people to undertake the work – Look out for the new online form coming soon.
- Really good uptake of vaccinations in Stockport - 93.6% over 70s have had the vaccine and now booked in for second jab.
- Health Visitors maintain phone and video calls throughout the pandemic and are moving towards face to face visits in more recent weeks. High risk cases have remained face to face.

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- NWAS have experienced extreme pressure recently. The military were drafted in to help support at the start of February, with around 120 military personnel trained up and deployed across NWAS. This is the first time in history this has happened.
- Vaccination roll out in care homes has been received well - residents have been vaccinated and further work underway with care home staff, as uptake is low due to concerns about impact on carers own fertility.
- Occupancy in Temporary Accommodation is very high, schemes have maintained measures to minimise infection risks and working in conjunction with Public Health. All residents can access Covid testing without having to display symptoms.
- GP practices will start to offer the second vaccine within the next couple of weeks.
- Vaccinations to people with a Learning Disability have formally moved up the priority scale and letters have gone out to those on the register to get them vaccinated. Step in the right direction to protect our vulnerable people.

IMPORTANT - EMAIL CHANGE TO GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE SAFEGUARDING ADDRESS



GMP have taken the decision to reduce the number of email accounts overall and introduce a standardised and consistent format to help ensure their staff and partners are able to easily identify and direct information to the right safeguarding teams. Therefore, they have created a single point of entry for partners to send information / requests into, which will help to filter information to the right teams internally and to ensure a more

consistent approach in how the information is reviewed. The new email addresses will be operational from **Tuesday the 2nd of March 2021.**

Single point of entry for partners - email accounts will be managed by a police officer in the MASH / DST:
Stockport.publicprotection@gmp.pnn.police.uk

ALL PARTNERS ARE THEREFORE TO USE THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 00:00 HOURS ON TUESDAY 2ND MARCH. ALL OTHER INBOXES WILL CEASE ON THIS DATE.

Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act (MCA) Forum 2021

We're currently looking for nominated Safeguarding/MCA Champions. This will be our second meeting which will be taking place virtually via Microsoft Teams on 10th March 10.00am-12.00pm. See our [webpage](#) for further details.

Furthermore, we have developed an electronic survey to allow you the opportunity to share your thoughts and welcome any suggestions in helping us shape the offer of our safeguarding forums in the future. We would like to hear your views and ask that you share the survey within your networks and please encourage your teams and workforce to complete. The survey will take no more than five minutes to complete and the closing date for the survey is 5pm on 7th March 2021.

To take part in the survey please [click here](#).

We currently encourage children's practitioners to take part in the survey because the MCA is a piece of legislation that is required when working with individuals aged 16 and over living in England and Wales who are unable to make all or some decisions for themselves.

Chasing the Stigma

We are keen to share with you the details of an event taking place on Friday 5th March. This event is focusing upon how to support your own mental health and the people around you.

For more details [click here](#).

Chasing the Stigma aims to remove unnecessary stigmas attached to mental illness by using first-hand experiences to disarm and normalise the topic, pulling together, making a difference and changing the way society approaches mental illness.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the masterclass you will be able to:

- Have greater insight into your own responses in times of adversity
- Understand how you can better support your own mental health
- Have greater insight into how you can make a difference to the lived experience of others
- Know how you could approach your work differently
- Learn from others as they share their ideas and solutions

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[Launch of Stockport Hate Crime Reporting APP](#)

Stop Hate UK is pleased to announce the launch of a new Hate Crime Reporting App, in Stockport. Its aim is to aid witnesses and those targeted because of their identity, to report incidents of Hate Crime and be able to access information and advice about Hate Crime services.

We would like to thank Stockport Council for supporting the development of the App and for demonstrating their commitment to achieving sustainable Hate Crime services within the borough.

To download the App free of charge, go to the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching for 'Stop Hate UK' on either platform, and we encourage you also to share this wider within your organisation and network. The more people who get to know about this facility the better.

What is Self-Neglect?

Self-neglect is an extreme lack of self-care, it is sometimes associated with hoarding however may be a result of other issues such as addictions.

Spotting the Signs of Self -Neglect

- Poor hygiene
- Malnutrition/ Obesity
- Unmet medical or health needs
- Alcohol and/or drug misuse/dependency
- Eating disorders
- Social isolation
- Poor maintenance of property
- Vermin at the person's property
- No running water / lack of sanitation / lack of heating
- Refusal of services and interventions
- Unsanitary, untidy or dirty conditions which create a hazardous situation that could cause serious physical harm to the individual or others or a potential fire risk



For further information on Self-Neglect, please see our [Self-Neglect Information page](#) to obtain information leaflets, the full practitioners guide and a 7-minute briefing paper to help you learn more about the emerging issues in this area

Training Update

MAPPA Awareness raising session run by National Probation service

- 18 March 2021 – 10.00am -11:30am
- 28 May 2021 - 10.00am-11:30am

Any members who do not have a learning pool account and wish to create one, instructions can be found [here](#).

Suicide Awareness

There has been an increase in sodium nitrate deaths both nationally and locally. To those practitioners that conduct home visits to children, young people, and adults with Mental Health needs or who present with suicidal ideation, here are a [few slides](#) to inform you of this knowledge to assist in any safeguarding concerns.

Designated Safeguarding Adult Network Newsletter

Each year NHS Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) Greater Manchester Network delivers an annual update to inform us of their achievements throughout the financial year. Here you can see their [annual newsletter](#) and take a glance at some of the good work that has been reached.

Stay Scam Aware

COVID-19 has provided an opportunity for a wide range of scams — on the doorstep, over the phone, via social media and online.

There is currently a fake NHS text that is circulating advising people that they are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine. The link takes you to a fake NHS website that asked for your personal details.

The NHS will never ask you for bank account or card details

New Opportunities - Safeguarding Adults Training Manager

We are excited to announce the opportunity for a part time Safeguarding adults training manager to join us in the Safeguarding Business Unit to facilitate and deliver a range of safeguarding training to Stockport's combined multi-agency adults workforce.

The post is open for all applicants until 15th March 2021 and details can be [found here](#). Good luck and please share wider within your teams.



Designated Officer Survey

We are currently looking at our training offer in relation to the Designated Officer role (**formerly known as the LADO**). In order to assist in ensuring that we appropriately meet the training needs across the partnership, we would be very grateful if you would complete a short survey which can be accessed here, [Designated Officer and managing allegations against adults who work with children](#)

It would also be extremely helpful if you would distribute this newsletter with the link within your organisation where you consider it appropriate. The survey is anonymous and shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete.

Upcoming Events

Child Mental Health Webinar – Friday 12th March 2021

Bernadka Dubicka, is speaking at an international webinar (in her Royal College of Psychiatrists role) about the impact of Covid on child and youth mental health. The session is on Friday 12th March from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. [Click here to find out more and register.](#)

Inter-faith Safeguarding workshop - Tuesday 16 March

Manchester City Council will be hosting an Inter-faith Safeguarding workshop via Zoom and will begin at 5.30pm and end by 7.15pm. The previous workshop on Preventing Extremism had a great turn out. Safeguarding is another very important issue that requires awareness raising and sharing information amongst fellow faith followers, as we seek to assist vulnerable adults and children to be safe in our communities.



You will receive information on the latest government information on Safeguarding and will also have an opportunity to listen to best practice from several experts in this regard.

Please register via [Eventbrite](#).

Social Media and Website

As the Covid-19 situation is constantly developing we aim to share key messages from official sources via our social media channels as well as other communications. Follow us on twitter - [@StockportSAB](#) and [@StockportSCP](#)

Share your news

We are particularly interested in collecting and highlighted good news stories, successes and new Innovative ways of working. If you would like us to highlight any of these or other work from your agency or organisation please contact us on the email address provided: lsb@stockport.gov.uk

If you are worried about a child at risk call **Children's Social Care** on **0161 217 6028**.

If you are worried about an **Adult at Risk**, please call **0161 217 6029**. Out of Hours **0161 718 2118**.

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